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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1-26 (Canceled)
27. (Currently amended) An isolated DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 ~~which codes for a protein of the TGF- β family, wherein said protein has chondrogenic activity *in vivo* and comprises a sequence~~ WIAPLEYEAYHCEGVCDPFLRSHLEPTNHA (SEQ ID NO: 24).
28. (Previously presented) An expression vector comprising the isolated DNA molecule of Claim 27.
29. (Previously presented) A host cell transformed with the vector of Claim 28.
30. (Previously presented) The host cell of Claim 29 wherein said cell is eukaryotic.
31. (Previously presented) The host cell of Claim 30 wherein said cell is mammalian.
32. (Currently amended) A process for the production of a protein ~~of the TGF- β family~~ comprising the steps of culturing the host cell of Claim 29 in a culture media, and isolating a protein ~~of the TGF- β family~~ therefrom.
- 33-40 (Canceled)